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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is responsive to the final Office Action mailed on September 26, 2002.

Remarks

Applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over US patent 4,740,374 or US patent 5,866,157, individually or combined with US patent 5,271,946. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.